

The Caledonian Mercury.

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*The SPLEEN still serves for a Presence;
To those who have a Want of Sense.*

To the Author of the Universal Spectator, Decem. 3.

SIR,

THE Desire I have to be your Correspondent, and my Cause to complain, will, I hope, atone for the Indifference of this Performance. What I have to lay before you, Sir, is the great Hardships Trades-people suffer, by the different Whims and Humours of Customers: They seem generally to think, (that is, when they vouchsafe to think at all) that because a Person stands behind a Compter, or follows a Trade, they are not of the same Clay; for which Reason, when a fine Lady is troubled with Vapours, she takes a Tour of the City by way of Diversion, calls at 20 Shops, turns o'er the Goods for an Hour or two, purely for the ill-natur'd Pleasure of finding Fault, and giving Trouble; tho' it is Ten to One, if she lays out a Shilling. That you may then, Sir, see their Caprice, tho' but in *Epitome*, permit me to give you a short List of my Customers, and the various Methods they take to plague me.

My Father was a Gentleman of a good Family, but small Estate, which descending to th'eldest Son, nine more of us went to Trades. It was my Lot to be a *Mantua-maker*, and by Industry and Complaisance, have now as good Business as any of my Profession. My Customers are of all Ranks; but that I may give due Respect to their Quality, I begin with My Lady Betty Tremor, who before her Marriage, was extremely good-natur'd; all I did pleased her, and I never brought home a Suit, but I had the Satisfaction to hear my Work commended; but since (thro' Dislike to the Match) the Sight of her *Old Lord* puts her into Vapours, and I'm then sent for to vent her *Spleen* on me. Her Birthday-cloaths were well liked, yet she has made me roll and unroll the Sleeves no less than four times since; and after I've stood till ready to faint, I must stay an Hour longer to hear her call me twenty Fools, and unworthy to make a Gown for her Scullion; tho' I could wish her Ladyship would please remember she owes me 50 L. running up these two Years.

The next I present you is Madam Burly, who is married to a wealthy Citizen; she was Servant to his first Wife, and is the largest and robustest Woman I ever saw; yet, for fear of being out of Fashion,

on, she will, in spite of Nature, be terribly tormented with Vapours, to such a Pitch, that she boxes her Footmen, knocks down her Maids; and if her Spouse dares interpose, throws what is next her at his Head. In the midst of one of these Fits, I happened to bring in a Suit of black Velvet, when at the Stair-head I received a Tea-pot full of scalding Water: The Present was indeed intended for her Maid, but, to my Sprow, fell all to my Share. I had unluckily held up my Bundle to smother the Blow, which put her in such a Passion, seeing her Finery wet, that she forgot her Vapours, and at once reassum'd herself, I mean her primitive State, sword-like a drunken Trooper, call'd me fifty Names; declaring she rather I had been scalded to Death than she have her Velvets spoild. When I recover'd of my Fright, I got down Stairs; and made the best of my way home. She sent for me again, to roll her Sleeve; but I desir'd to be excus'd, and sent in my Bill, which the good Gentleman paid; should it ever reach her Ears, I'm afraid he will pay dearly for doing an Act of so much Justice.

The Adventure with my next Customer made some Amends, as it gave me great Diversion, and I hope will afford some to your Readers. I was ordered to attend a Lady of Quality at *Covent Garden*; accordingly I obeyed: But was not a little surpriz'd at the Lady's Frankness, after making me sit down. 'I suppose, *Madam*, (says she) such things are common to you Mantua-makers, so I'll tell you plain Truth. I was never in *London* before, and came now to get Service; but a Gentleman taking Fancy to me, I must get the finest Cloaths Money can buy; else he says he won't marry me. Now, not understanding Matters myself, I sent for you; and if you please him, you get my Custom.' I was at no Loss to know how Matters stood, but that was none of my Business. In short, we laid out above 100 L. for Madam had nothing but a coarse Country-Stuff Gown. I sit up Day and Night to get all done; and when she was done, I never saw so odd a Figure as she made; she was indeed young, and her Face not ugly, but had a Shape that nothing could bring into Form; this, with a large Pair of Paws, and a masculine Voice, made her seem a Plowman in Woman's Dress. Her Lover had presented her with a Watch, and his Picture at

it: And my womanly Curiosity was so great, that rather than not get into the Secret, I made myself acquainted with Mrs. *Flimsey*, an Intimate of her's; who let me know that this well judging extravagant Spark is Mr. *Gripeall*, the great Scrivenet, lately married to one of the prettiest young Ladies here. I tell you this, Sir, that you may let the old Fool read it, and repent of his Folly: For, as innocent as he thinks this awkward Lass, she is in a fair way (by Mrs. *Flimsey*'s Help) to make him a Present he dare scarce carry home. Mrs. *Flimsey* is kept by a Banker's Prentice about 18; and I fear his Master will suffer for their Extravagance. In short, Sir, the World is come to such a Pass, that *Shame*, formerly accounted commendable, is now reckon'd a Vice; and alas! how many have thrown off the very Mask of Virtue. When an old Fellow like *Gripeall* can even forget his Love to Money, squandering it away on a dirty Strumpet; I hope he'll no more turn up the White of his Eyes at public Devotion, nor talk of *Saving Grace*, and the Assurance he has of being one of the *Elect*: No! that he may be all of a Piece, let him either discard his Harlot, or clap on a Sword and a smart *Toupee*, resort to the Court-end of the Town, shake his Elbows all Night, drink, swear, and shew the World, that he can in his old Age be as perfect a Man of the Town, as they who have been bred up Rakes from their Cradle.

I shall trouble you with but one more of my Customers, Mrs. *Loveshew*, married to a Tradesman of excellent Sense; who tho' he likes to see her decent, is quite out of Patience at her gawdy Choice. I went with them last Day to buy a Suit: She fancied a Brocade with all the Colours of the Rainbow: He modestly reminded her, that tho' he might be able to afford it, yet such a Dress did not become his Wife. The Lady, who is with Child, took it so ill, fell into Fits, and because she was denied that, would have none: Her Mother, once a polite Lady, reprimanded him severely for his ill Manners in refusing her Daughter the Choice of her Cloaths. But the honest plain Man is resolved not to appear ridiculous for his Wife's Whim, and says he is sure she cannot long for a Piece of Silk.

I cannot help wishing, that every Tradesman's Wife in the City would become wiser than really they are, and study their Husbands Interest more than superfluous Trifles. Having gone farther as I intended, I shall only add, That as to improve the Mind, and correct the Follies and Extravagancies of the Age, is a Work worthy of your Spectator's Dignity; and as the Censorial Office is a Kind of Inquisition against Vice, it is odds but (as we Man-makers are People of great Intelligence) you are further from

MARY PINTAIL.

Wye's Letter Verbatim, London, Decem. 8.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France.

WE hear, that by virtue of a Grant of his late Majesty, the Office of principal Secretary of State for Ireland, together with a Salary of 500 l. per annum annexed thereto, is devolved on Edward Southwell Esq; eldest Son of the late Rt. Honourable Edward Southwell Esq; The Rev Dr. Walker is collated by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Rectory of St. Mary Aldermary, vacant by the Death of Dr. Kilburn. A Cabinet Council will be held this Evening at St. Jams's, on Affairs of great Importance. A Person of some Rank is said to be arrived here from the Court of Spain, and charged with an important Commission, which some give out, relates to the concerting the Operations of the Campaign next Spring, as has been insisted on by the Marquis de Castelaar at the Court of France, which, according to some Accounts from Paris, seem now of Opinion, that there is a Necessity of entering upon a War with the Emperor; and we are informed by Letters from Marseils, that 20,000 Sacks of Flower have been bought up in that City, for the Use of the King of Spain's Army the ensuing Spring.

As to the Practices of the Incendiaries, we are in Hopes that a Stop is in a great Measure put thereto, since for these 2 Posts past, we have heard very little of them in any Part of the Country, except that divers more have been taken up on Suspicion. Charles Green the Lighterman, who came upon his Trial last Saturday at the Sessions in the Old Bailey, on the Indictment for sending a threatening Letter to Mr. Meriot the Attorney, demanding 3 Guineas, was, after a long Hearing, acquitted, many Persons of Worth and Reputation appearing to his Character. The same Day Hollowel Beadle of the Sadler's Company, and Huggins the Waterman, were tried; the former, for an Assault, with an Intent to commit Sodomy, and the latter, for permitting it in St. Paul's Church, and were both found guilty.

A Patent is passing the Seals in favour of two Brewers of this City, who have found out a new and useful Method of better feeding of Hogs Flesh, preventing their being mealy, making the Flesh more firm, and selling it cheaper. And the Patentees propose further, for the publick Benefit and Improvement of Estates, to sow the Feeding for Hogs on barren and waste Lands, of which 'tis said they have already produced sufficient Experiments.

'Tis still discoursed that the Lord Chief Justice Raymond will be created a Peer of the Realm, but that

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that he will continue to possess the high Office he now possesses. The Rev. Mr. Ferdinando Warner was last Week presented to the Vicarage of Rowde in the County of Wilts and Diocese of Salisbury.

The Proclamation for the Meeting of the Parliament next Month is not yet published, but daily expected; and most are of opinion there will be as full a House of the Commons upon the ensuing Session as has been known.

A Report runs, that an Accommodation is not only made with Prussia, but likewise a Marriage is again negotiating betwixt the Prince Royal of Prussia and the Princess Royal of Great Britain; should this be true, which however is much doubted, as being supposed to come from the Jobbers in the Alley, there may probably be no Occasion to continue, at least, so great a Number of Foreign Troops in the British Pay.

This Afternoon a Girl 14 Years old, was tried at the Old Bailey, and convicted of stealing from her Mistress 400 l. Bank-notes; and being detected thereof, had the Impudence to burn them to light a Candle with, which she upon Examination confessed. Yesterday Count Watzdorf, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Poland, had his first private Audience of their Majesties.

From the Daily Post-Boy, Decem. 8.

Hague, Dec. 12. N. S. Some will have it, that a War is unavoidable, because Men are hard at Work in the Arsenal at Delft, which is the general Magazine of this Country, in casting Great Guns, while others are employed in making Carriages for mounting them; and whatever else is necessary in the Train of Artillery, is getting ready: The like is doing at the Magazine of Powder, situate about a Quarter of a League from Delft; so that let Things turn out rough or smooth, it is certain there has not been such an Apparatus to War in the Seven Provinces since the Peace of Utrecht.

Extract of a private Letter from Vienna.

"We have Advice from Berlin, that Count Sckendorff acts there as Prime Minister; which will not hinder his being charged with the Affairs of his Imperial Majesty. The Triple Alliance entered into between this Court and those of Moscow and Berlin, is defensive, and stipulates the respective Quotas to form an Army of 100,000 Men in the Empire, in case of Need. By this Alliance, the Emperor will be able to strengthen himself yet more in Italy, in stead of withdrawing his Troops from that Country.

Paris, Dec. 13. We hear from Rome, that the Pope took Possession of the Church of St. John de Lateran the 19th ult. with the most magnificent Cavalcade that ever was seen, being preceded by 36 Cardinals, besides Prelates and the Roman Nobility. The Chevalier de St. George, with the Princess his Consort, &c. saw the Cavalcade, and had afterwards a magnificent Collation from the Roman Senate.

A Report is spread here, that the Court of Spain designs to cut off all Communication with th'English Garrison at Gibraltar.

Vienna, Nov. 25. 'Tis now said the 30,000 Russians are to enter Silesia next Spring; and that the K. of Prussia will also form an Army of 30,000 on the Oder. This Court talks of augmenting our Army with 50,000 Men.

Dresden, Decem. 5. New Levies are ordered by the King of Poland our Elector, his Majesty intending to have an Army of 30,000 Men in this Electorate next Spring.

Hamburg, Decem. 5. We learn from Copenhagen, that the Marq. de Plelo the French Minister, having communicate his last Dispatches to his Danish Majesty, Orders were immediately dispatch'd to the commanding Officers of several Regiments to put their Regiments in Readiness to march.

London, Decem. 8. We hear that Lieut. Kent, who lately escaped from Prussia, is now lodged at Highgate.

Edinburgh, Decem. 14. Last Week the Wife of James Beattie, Ship-Carpenter in Leith, was safely delivered of Three Sons, who are all like to do well. He is about 80 Years old, and had never any Children before.

Thursday Morning last the House of one David Thom, Farmer at March-hall, was burnt down to the Ground. 'Tis said the House was wilfully set on Fire by some of the Accomplices of Campbell and More lately execute; this poor Man having been one of the Evidences on their Trial. I so, the English Incendiaries, however flagitious, will be allowed to be the discreetest: For they openly declare War, previous to any Hostilities; whereas our Rogues fall on without laying Grace.

The Rt. Hon. the LORDS of COUNCIL and SESSION have agreed, to make an Adjournment of said Court from Friday next at 12 of the Clock, till Tuesday the 29th Instant, in consequence of the following ACT of Parliament.

ACT.



ACT (*Anno Tertio GEORGII II. Regis*) for enabling the Judges of the Court of Session in Scotland to make an Adjournment of the said Court; and for limiting the Time for Execution of Sentences importing Corporal Punishments, in that Part of the Kingdom.

Whereas the continued Sittings of the Court of Session in Scotland, from the First Day of November, to the last Day of February, yearly without any Recess, has been found inconvenient and burdensome; Be it therefore Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the Judges of the said Court of Session in Scotland, and they are hereby Impowered to make an Adjournment of their Sessions on such Day, betwixt the Fifteenth Day of December and the Fifteenth Day of January, yearly, and for such Time as they shall judge most convenient, not exceeding the Space of Ten Days; any Law, Statute, or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas by an Act passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the First [intituled, *An Act for the more effectual disarming the Highlands in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, and for the better securing the Peace and Quiet of that Part of the Kingdom*] it is Enacted, That from and after the first Day of June One thousand seven hundred and twenty five, no Sentence or Judgment of any Civil Magistrate or Court of Judicature, importing a Capital or Corporal Punishment, if pronounced in Edinburgh, or any other Part of Scotland to the Southward of the Firth or River Forth, should (for the Reasons in the said Clause mentioned) be put in Execution within less than Thirty Days after the Date of such Sentence; and if pronounced in any Place to the Northward of the said Firth or River of Forth, should be put in Execution in less than Forty Days after the Date of such Sentence: AND whereas the Maintenance and Securing in Goals all Criminals convicted and adjudged to suffer any Corporal Punishment, for so many Days after Judgment given, hath been found burdensome to Burghs and others his Majesty's Subjects, and a Discouragement to the apprehending and punishing Offenders; Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and thirty, it shall and may be lawful to and for all the said Magistrates and Courts of Judicature to put in Execution any Judgment or Sentence, importing any Corporal Punishment less than Death or Dismembering, if given or pronounced in

any Part of Scotland, to the Southward of the Firth or River of Forth; after the elapsing of Eight Days; and if given or pronounced in any other Place, to the Northward of the said Firth or River of Forth, after the elapsing of Twelve Days, from and after the Date of such Judgment or Sentence respectively.

Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Judges of the Court of Justiciary, or any of them, who are hereby severally authorized and Required, upon Application made, and a reasonable Cause shewn to Him or Them, by any Person or Persons who shall find themselves aggrieved by any such Sentence or Judgment, given or pronounced by any Court of Regality, or other inferior Civil Magistrate, or Court of Judicature, to stay all Execution of such Judgment or Sentence, for the Space of Thirty Days; to the End that such Application may be made for Redress, as is agreeable to the Laws of that Part of Great Britain called Scotland.

Tomorrow (the 17th Day of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith, at 3 o'Clock, 51 Min. Wednesday, at 4, 39 Min. Thursday, at 5, 27 Min.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

¶ There is to be exposed to Sale by publick voluntary Roup, on Monday the 21st Day of December Inst, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon, in the House of William Gray Vintner; A BREWERY, with a Draw-well and several other Conveniencies, and some Dwelling-houses in good Repair; lying on the East side of the College Wynd. The Progress, Rental, and Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of Andrew Chalmers Writer, at his House in Forrester's Wynd. There are also some Masking-facts to be sold, either separately, or together with the Brewery. And if any Person has a mind for them, or for the Brewery, &c. the Proprietor will treat with them any Time before the Roup.

Exchequer, Nov. 19, 1730.

Notice is hereby given, by Order of the Right Honourable the BARONS OF EXCHEQUER, That they have Adjourned the Sale of the Arrears or Rests of the Estate of William late Earl of Seaforth, to the Third Day of February next 1731, in the EXCHEQUER COURT, at Twelve of the Clock. Particulars whereof, and of the Terms of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of the Deputy-Remembrancer.

W. BOWLES, D. R. R.

¶ That the Lands and Barony of LATHRISK, lying in the Parish of Kettle and Sherifdom of Fife, holden Taxward of the Crown, of the yearly Rent of 183 Bolls 2 Fir-lots Bear, 204 Bolls Oats, L. 794 04 08 Scots of Money, 18 Ells of Linen, 34 Hairs of Yarn, 32 Pounds of Butter, 20 Geese, and 60 Capons, besides 250 Hens and Chickens not rental'd; having thereon a WOOD that cut every 20th Year, and yields 1000 Merks, and is at present within 5 Years of cutting: Are to be exposed to Sale by a voluntary Roup, on Friday the 19th Day of January next, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon, within the House of Mrs. Herdman, in the Writers Court, Edinburgh. There is a considerable Quantity of Marsh Grounds in this Estate very improvable, that may be drain'd at little or no Expence. The Conditions of Roup, Rental and Progress, are to be seen in the Hands of DAVID MAULE Writer in Edinburgh, at his Writing-chamber above John's Coffeehouse.